

**Glenda Wiles**

**From:** David & Donna Glidewell [glidewelld@montana.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2007 5:49 PM  
**To:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** Severe road problems - Middle Bear Creek Road

I know that most of the roads in Ravalli county are in poor repair - some parts have chuck holes that would swallow a VW, parts of Middle Bear Creek Road have washboards (perpetually) that loosen suspension parts on the cars that routinely travel it. One major problem that should be easily corrected is the extremely heavy (literally and figuratively) truck traffic on the segment of Middle Bear Creek Road between Tushapaw and Red Crow. Huge dump trucks travel between Harris gravel pit and Red Crow create massive dust problems - both from the road and blowing dirt from the truck loads. In addition to the many taxes we pay for road/bridge (don't know where that goes), we must pay hundreds more for dust abatement. Those trucks limit the effective life of the dust abatement investment from us and our neighbors. A simple solution is proposed - require the trucks to exit Tushapaw on to Meridian and then to the paved Bear Creek Road and avoid Middle Bear Creek Road altogether. This would reduce the dust, road repair and perhaps a few of the safety problems. If not, then the trucks or pit should accept responsibility and maintain an effective/dust abated road surface (and exercise better speed control/exercise more driving caution).

Regards,  
 David Glidewell and family  
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